

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
June 19, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman  
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman  
James Workman  
Rick Griffin  
Bill Lally  
James S. Barrington, Town Manager  
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:**

Chairman Bridle-Russell announced the public hearing open at 7:00pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing on the following:

**ARTICLE 5**

**PARKING REGULATIONS**

**Sec. 3:507 NO PARKING**

It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the following areas when designated by "NO PARKING" signs:

**F Street** - SOUTH side in its entirety. NORTH SIDE *in its entirety.* – adjacent to exit door of Funarama  
(BofS7/28/03)

**G Street** - From ASHWORTH AVENUE EAST to the first driveway on the SOUTHERLY side of the street.  
*NORTH side in its entirety.*

**H Street** – *SOUTH side in its entirety.*

**I Street** – *NORTH side in its entirety.*

**J Street** – *NORTH side in its entirety.*

**K Street** – *SOUTH side in its entirety.*

**L Street** – *NORTH side in its entirety.*

**M Street** – *SOUTH side in its entirety.*

**N Street** - On the NORTH SIDE *in its entirety*, beginning at a point 100' EAST of ASHWORTH AVENUE.  
(BofS-7/5/83)

**O Street** – *SOUTH side in its entirety.*

**P Street** - On pavement SOUTH SIDE. *NORTH side in its entirety.*

**Q Street** - On pavement NORTH SIDE *in its entirety.*

**River Avenue** - EAST SIDE from DOVER AVENUE to OCEAN BOULEVARD.

**Sec. 3:507B** Loading Zones

NO PARKING except for LOADING and UNLOADING - 20 minute limit from MAY 1st to SEPTEMBER 30th.  
(BofS-7/5/83)

**F Street** - From the corner of OCEAN BOULEVARD on NORTH SIDE, RUNNING 40' westerly, as designated by signs. (BofS-5/21/79) SOUTH SIDE – adjacent to Funarama (1/28/03)

~~**G Street** – From the corner of OCEAN BOULEVARD on NORTH SIDE, running 100' WESTERLY, as designated by signs. (BofS-6/11/79)  
NORTH SIDE, between Numbers 10 and 12 for a distance of 25', as designated by signs. (BofS-7/28/81)~~

**H Street** - Two (2) parking spaces in front of Number 12 (Milton House), as designated by signs. (BofS-7/28/78) From Ocean Boulevard west for 30' from the No Parking Zone, north side. (Board of Selectmen 8/99) From the end of NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER zone for a distance of 50', as designated by signs. (BofS-5/14/79)  
From the INTERSECTION of ASHWORTH AVENUE and H STREET on the NORTHERLY SIDE, a distance of 109' EASTERLY, as designated by signs. (BofS-7/16/79)

~~**I Street** – In front of Number 12. On the NORTHERLY SIDE, beginning at a point 70' WESTERLY of OCEAN BOULEVARD and ending 80' WESTERLY of OCEAN BOULEVARD, as designated by signs.  
———— (BofS-8/18/81)~~

**J Street** - Two existing parking spaces in front of Number 5.  
On the NORTHERLY SIDE, beginning at a point 20' WESTERLY of OCEAN BOULEVARD and ending 100' WESTERLY of OCEAN BOULEVARD, as designated by signs.  
(BofS-6/1/87)

~~**K Street** – SOUTH SIDE from OCEAN BOULEVARD WESTERLY a distance  
———— of 140', as designated by signs.~~

**L Street** - SOUTH SIDE from the existing NO PARKING area at OCEAN BOULEVARD, WESTERLY to the end of the SURFSIDE CHALET.

Dick Paquin (11 F Street) questioned why there was no parking on either side of F Street. Mr. Barrington said that there was a need to open up the street. Mr. Paquin believes that there is plenty of room for vehicles to travel down and would like to see parking along the north side of F Street.

The owners of Nevio's Pizzeria (5 F Street) are in support of the no parking ban along F Street.

Mr. Michael Scanlon asked if there was going to be a presentation from any of the departments or from Peter Howe (Fay, Spofford & Thorndike Engineer). Chairman Bridle-Russell noted that they were here to answer any questions the public may have.

Michael Scanlon stated that he would like to see loading zones discussed at the same time as parking. He feels that the loading zones are an integral part of the parking in the beach area and should not be disassociated.

The owner of 95 Ashworth Avenue is in favor of the proposed parking ordinance. He sees what the Board of Selectmen is trying to accomplish and believes that the infrastructure project is the best thing that ever happened to Hampton Beach. He said that visitors and residents are noticing that the streets in the beach area are more organized. He believes the Board is doing the right thing and that the majority of the residents and business owners are supportive of the project. He also thinks that Zoppo and FST have done a good job communicating with people on a one on one basis. He also believes that the infrastructure project will improve Hampton's economy. He also commented on enforcement and believes that the police will be able to enforce parking violations better.

Mr. Scanlon noted that there were 80 property owners in the lettered street area that signed a petition to let Town voters decide on parking in the area at the 2007 Town meeting. He also commented on the width of the bump outs and believes that they are too wide and pose a danger.

Dan Traficante is concerned about not having adequate parking and loading zones for his restaurant along K Street. Chairman Bridle-Russell said that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) is working with the Town to install loading zones along Ocean Boulevard.

Patricia Duquette is concerned that there is no sidewalk or place to walk along Brown Avenue as a result of the fence being placed around the Ashworth parking lot. She believes that it creates a dangerous situation where pedestrians and mothers with baby carriages are forced to walk on the street. Mr. Barrington explained that nothing has changed and that the fence was placed in the exact same location that it was before.

Fred Rice (15 Heather Lane) noted that the Hampton Beach Area Commission voted to support the concept of one sided parking. Mr. Rice believes that the parking plan fulfills the mission of the Town's Master Plan.

Geannina Guzman-Scanlon said that there are not a lot of options at this point as the majority of the project is near completion. For that reason it makes it hard for her to comment on. She is sadden that conflicts have arose as a result of the project and believes that many of the disagreements became personal. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon noted that decisions made at the Board level could potentially impact business owners' livelihoods in the area. She said that cottage owners are concerned about renting to vacationers when there is no parking available. She believes that the purpose of a public hearing is to have meaningful vocal discussion on the subject at hand. Unfortunately, she feels that the hearing is meaningless because the "meaningful" has been taken out of context. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon believes that the business owners and residents along the lettered streets have not been treated fairly as they have struggled to have their opinions validated. She said that people are still walking along the street rather than on the sidewalks. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon does not doubt that the common goal is to improve Hampton Beach but would have liked to have seen more parking preserved.

Fire Chief Hank Lipe said that it is essential that the Town meets the fire code and allows for an 18 to 20 foot lane for emergency vehicles. If adequate room is not available response time could be negatively effected.

FST Project Engineer, Peter Howe stated that all lettered streets with parking on one side (8 feet wide parking spots) have a minimum of 18 feet to meet the fire code.

Patricia Duquette said that she owns property along the lettered streets and in the Island area. She mentioned that the current parking situation along Boston Avenue is extremely congested and vehicles have difficulty traveling through. She believes if parking is going to be enforced in one area of Town it should be in others.

Dan Traficante believes that there is a flaw in the design of the sidewalks because there are utility poles located in the middle of them. He is certain that wheelchair bound people will not be able to get by these poles. In addition he feels that the curbs are not conveniently located for wheelchairs as ramps are only at the end of each street.

Mr. Scanlon believes that if the loading zone along K Street is eliminated delivery trucks will be parking in the middle of the road to unload. He suggested that D Street was a suitable access road to Ocean Boulevard for emergency vehicles and that in the early part of June when business owners are trying to prepare for the season it will be difficult to locate a nearby loading zone. Mr. Scanlon said that the petition that he presented to the Board last week is real and that the decision regarding parking should be made by the voters. He believes that the proposed amendments to the ordinance interferes with property rights of owners in the beach area and may be illegal.

Mr. Rice said that citizens and the Board need to trust the advice of the lawyers and engineers involved in this project. He also believes that the Board is doing the project in the right way.

Geannina Guzman-Scanlon said that there is expertise and then there is experience. She believes that there should have been more consultations done with the people living and doing business in the area and their experience should not be disregarded.

Ms. Duquette questioned how decisions are made on parking in the Island area versus the beach. Chairman Bridle-Russell explained that there hasn't been a public hearing on the Island area and therefore no decision has been made regarding it. Mr. Barrington noted that there is a logical progression in determining a plan for parking. He also mentioned that there would be a public hearing held in the next few weeks to address parking in the Island area.

Mr. Howe explained that F Street has a width of 24 feet and if parking was allowed on one side, there would be less than 16 feet and the fire code would be violated. When developing a parking strategy he worked towards maximizing parking spaces and having parking on the traffic flow side.

## **LOADING ZONES**

Mr. Scanlon questioned who developed the proposed ordinance changes. Mr. Barrington explained that the presented ordinance illustrates the amendments to the ordinance and that they have not been approved.

Dan Traficante (81 Ocean Boulevard & 3 K Street) suggested that a loading zone be placed 75 feet from Ocean Boulevard on the north side of the east end of K street opposite of his building. Mr. Barrington believes that this is a possibility and will work with Mr. Traficante to see what can be done.

Mr. Scanlon suggested that the Board have another public hearing after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to see if there is a better way. He encouraged that the Board to come down to the beach area to see traffic flow during the summer.

Mr. Rice stated that Doug Deporter with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) is willing to work with the property owners along Ocean Boulevard to accommodate loading zones in necessary locations. Mr. Rice suggested that the loading zone time limit could be extended to 20 minutes. He believes that the loading zone locations should work well as proposed.

Geannina Guzman-Scanlon suggested that the Town receive a written commitment from the State to outline the agreement.

Mr. Traficante suggested that loading zone in front of Buzzies be kept along J Street.

Mr. Lally is in favor of Mr. Traficante suggestion regarding the loading zones on K Street and J Street. He is also in favor of complying with the fire code and for that reason is supportive of the proposed ordinance. He noted that the current streets were never designed to handle the amount of traffic that is there today.

Mr. Barrington clarified the language for loading zones and parking zone on K Street and J Street.

Mr. Howe suggested that the loading zone need to be looked at and should be longer than 150 feet provide more room.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Howe to comment on the size of the bump outs, handicap ramps and gaps. Mr. Howe explained that the bump outs are 30 feet in depth and have been designed for fire trucks to be able to traverse the street. In addition the bump outs are designed to comply with State law to keep parking away from the intersection. He said that the bump outs are traffic calming devices and if vehicles are traveling too fast it is likely that they will come in contact with the bump out. Mr. Howe said that the handicap ramps have been reviewed by the State and they are in compliance. There is still some additional paving work that needs to be done which will smooth out the ramps. Regarding the gaps, Mr. Howe explained that they have been left for the utility poles to be moved into. Once the utility work is done, patchwork will be done to fill the holes.

Mr. Moore is supportive of the one sided parking. He questioned if the police force will have enough manpower to enforce loading zones. Police Captain Rich Sawyer said that it is his experience that the majority of the deliveries are done in the morning. Police officers are assigned zones and are responsible for enforcing the law within their designated area.

Mr. Griffin is in favor of parking on one side of the street in the beach area. He also commended Mr. Traficante for his cooperation and innovative thinking to suggest an alternative solution to the loading zone problem along his street.

Mr. Workman also supported parking on one side.

Chairman Bridle-Russell announced the public hearing closed at 9:10 pm.

**Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 9:20 pm and introduced those in attendance.**

## **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

### **I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Chairman Bridle-Russell announced the Sunset Cruise this Thursday, June 22 at 7 – 9pm. The cruise will leave from Eastman's Docks in Seabrook. For tickets call 929-7349 proceeds from the event will benefit The Village Preschool. She also announced that there will be a brunch on Sunday morning put on by the Victoria Inn featuring the Funky Diva's of Gospel. The proceed of this event will go toward benefiting the Seacoast Youth Services

Chairman Bridle-Russell announced that the James House is having a strawberry and rhubarb recipe contest on June 25. Entry forms are available at the Lane Library and at the Town office.

Mr. Moore noted that the sand sculpting competition is this week and awards will be announced on Saturday, June 24 at 8 pm at the Seashell.

Mr. Workman reminded residents that school is out.

### **II. APPOINTMENTS**

None

### **III. MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2006**

Page 2 – under "Fire Station" – parking garage was not attributed to Mr. Moore's comments

The June 12, 2006 minutes stand as corrected.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's office will close at 3:30pm one hour early on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The office must have all documents prepared to submit to the State for the end of their fiscal year.

Bob Barry, of NHDOT reports that the anticipated completion date for the Exeter Road Railroad Bridge is June 29. They are also planning on closing the bridge one more time on Thursday, June 22 to finish work on the surface. If there are any weather delays they will do the work on the first day thereafter when weather permits.

Mike Schwotzer has been appointed as the new Finance Director. Mr. Mike Schwotzer is a native of Hampton, but has lived in Kensington for the past 30 years. He previously served Hampton as a Lieutenant on the Hampton Fire Department Call force, and as an assistant building inspector. He has since earned MBA and MPA degrees from the University of New Hampshire, and following his retirement from the private sector has been working for the Town of North Hampton. He is expected to report to work on Monday, July 10.

Governor Lynch called Thursday morning to ask about the situation in Hampton and to offer his assistance. Mr. Barrington thanked him for his personal attention and for his staff arranging for several state officials to meet with us on June 26. Mr. Barrington discussed what went right and what went wrong during our Mother's Day flood. Governor Lynch is personally interested in improving the emergency system and encouraged Mr. Barrington to call him if there is any way he can be of assistance.

A memo from Chief Lipe with a status report on a variety of projects currently underway in the Fire Department was provided to the Board.

Selectman Moore had a number of questions last week. Mr. Barrington has instructed Building Inspector Kevin Schultz to re-bid the roof work that was not funded a year ago. Mr. Barrington verified that there was a misclassification of recycling contract and tipping fee line items. That has been corrected and will appear on the next expenditure report. Mr. Hangen plans to bid the transfer station scales for replacement in September.

Chief Sullivan and Mr. Barrington discussed increased speed enforcement on Ocean Boulevard in the vicinity of Winnacunnet Road.

Mr. Barrington thanked Unitil for their assistance in fixing the broken lanyard and putting the flag up prior to Flag Day.

### **SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Moore would like to see the police and fire grants added to next week's agenda.

The police cruisers should arrive sometime next week and the Public Works vacuum truck should be delivered this week.

Fire Chief Lipe is seeking bids for the fire alarm service for all of the Town buildings.

Mr. Moore suggested that the Board sign off on the revised Emergency Management Plan once complete.

It is expected that a one month extension (time only) will be required to finish construction on the streets west of Ashworth Avenue.

## **2 – APPOINT FORMER TOWN HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to appoint Vic Lessard, Jack Lessard and Maurice Friedman to the Former Town Hall Committee and to issue a condition report to the Board of Selectmen. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## **3 – APPOINT HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to appoint Fred Rice and Todd Loiseau to the Hampton Beach Area Commission. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

**VOTE: 4 FOR  
1 OPPOSED - Workman**

Chairman Bridle-Russell suggested that any residents interested in serving on a subcommittee should contact the Hampton Beach Area Commission directly.

## **OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Griffin asked about the status of the Kings Highway project. Mr. Barrington said that there is a need to extend the contract to get it done. There is an issue with the north end sewer line not meeting specifications. Expenses will be discussed with Zoppo.

Mr. Griffin inquired about the condos located at the south end of Ashworth Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. There was a reconfiguration of the island as part of the site plan approval by the Planning Board. The project was paid for by the developer which went before the Planning Board for approval. Mr. Barrington suggested that the people in the area who are concerned about the reconfiguration should discuss it with the Planning Board.

Mr. Griffin said that Diana Lamontagne called him because she was required to pay a \$25 fee for a police report when a car ran into her house. This is standard police procedure and often insurance companies will pay the fee.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1 – HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to act on the \$600 Highway Safety Grant at the next meeting. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**



## 2 – SCHEDULE LONG TERM PLANNING DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Barrington noted that it is close to annual budget planning time and the department heads need to know what the Board is looking for.

Mr. Lally would like to know if the Fire Chief has plans for Station #2.

Mr. Moore wonders if it would be possible to work with the Planning Board on the Service and Facility portion of the Master Plan and potential warrant articles.

Mr. Moore suggested a roundtable discussion to start the dialog with the department heads.

Mr. Griffin mentioned that he is unhappy about the proposed location for the Beach Fire Station (Ashworth parking lot) and questioned if this was the best spot. He would like to see the plan revisited.

Chairman Bridle-Russell asked about the status of repairs along Drakeside Road. Mr. Barrington is aware that testing has not occurred and will need to report later.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. License for Coin Operated Amusement Devices
2. Cemetery Deeds
3. Hawkers and Peddlers License

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to accept the License for coin operated amusement devices and the hawkers and peddlers license as presented. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to accept the Cemetery Deeds as presented, except for the Robert K. Gray Funeral Home Deed. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Bullard suggested that the Board identify what is being pasted on the Consent Agenda for the viewing audience. Mr. Bullard questioned who has the authority to set the \$25 police report fee. Mr. Barrington is not certain but will find out. The fee goes to the general fund which is used to offset the tax rate. She also mentioned that she would like to see the transfer station hours of operation be extended on the weekend. Mr. Barrington noted that employees working on the weekend are paid overtime wages. Mr. Barrington will ask the Public Works Director to develop a cost estimate to have the station open for at least eight hours on one day during the weekend.

Donald Fanning with Greenland Land Development Corporation came to notify the Board of Selectmen as park of the condition applied to his agreement NH Department of Environmental Services to conduct work on stone located at the end of the beach right-of-way for public safety.

**VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 PM. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman